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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sampson, J. Art Unit: 1635  
Serial No.: 09/358,141 Examiner: Schmidt, M.  
Filed: July 20, 1999  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WITH  
REDUCED SECONDARY STRUCTURE

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (voluntary revised practice) mailed July 15, 2003, Applicant herewith submits a replacement copy of the Amendment to the Claims and the Remarks that were submitted on July 1, 2003, in response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, in the above-referenced case, with corrections to the Amendment to the Claims in order to comply with current 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension of time from August 15, 2003, up to and including October 15, 2003, to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. A Petition for Extension of Time and a check to cover the Extension Fee are enclosed. Applicant had previously requested a three (3) month extension of time from April 2, 2003, up to and including July 2, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, in the above-referenced case.

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